

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SJR 95

March 21, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes to amend the state constitution for the purpose of establishing an independent five-member redistricting commission for senatorial and representative districts. Establishes considerations and guidelines in which the commission shall consider in establishing new districts. States that all meetings of the commission shall be open to the public and provide opportunities for public input. The commission shall redistrict based on each decennial census beginning in the year 2020.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$9,100/FY15-16

Exceeds \$10,000/FY19-20 and each ten years thereafter

Assumptions:

- The Department of State reports a publishing cost of \$9,100 in FY15-16 for publishing all legal notices related to the proposed constitutional amendment.
- It is not known to what extent the commission will be authorized to utilize existing resources to establish future districts, but presumed that the decennial cost of creating updated legislative district maps will remain unchanged by conducting the exercise under this proposed commission structure, except for the additional costs of the commission's required public meetings.
- Based on several unknown factors, including but not limited to, the number of commission meetings that will be required for redistricting, the extent of any travel costs, the extent of compensation paid to commission members, the locations of any commission meetings, and the extent of any information technology and supplies that will be required of the commission, a precise estimate cannot be determined. However, the increase in state expenditures in FY19-20 and each 10 years thereafter is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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